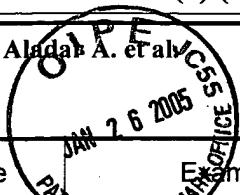


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
13070-1

In Re Application Of: **SZALAY, Aladar A. et al.**



Application No. 09/769,981	Filing Date January 25, 2001	Examiner JONES, Jana A.	Customer No. 23676	Group Art Unit 1645	Confirmation No. 5416
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Invention: **METHOD FOR THE EVALUATION OF IMPLANTABLE MATERIALS**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of August 27, 2004 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: November 27, 2004 until: January 27, 2005
Date *Date*

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

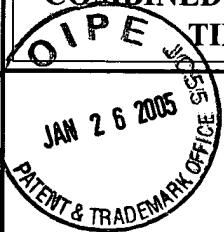
CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	3 =	0	x \$100.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$225.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$225.00

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Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2090 in the amount of \$225.00

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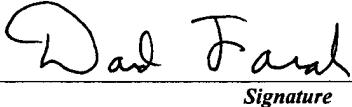
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